

## **JOHN DANIEL WOODHOUSE AND ROSEBELLE KARREN**

### **Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950**

John Daniel Woodhouse was born son of John and Emma Thomas in Beaver, Utah, June 17, 1859, Woodhouse, and came to Lehi at the age of three. Being the second son of a family of ten children, he spent his boyhood days helping his father in many ways. At the age of six he entered school. Abbie Evans Lott was his first school teacher. Billy William and Samuel Thurman and Mr. Lopish also taught him in school. David Evans was his last school teacher. The First Ward Church today was their schoolroom. He was baptized on September 1, 1867.

When he was very young he went to Spring Valley, and Step Tow Valley for three years where he teamed, cut and sawed ties, built new roads and helped construct railroads for the Denver & Rio Grande. He spent five years of his young life burning charcoal for smelters in San Francisco.

February 12, 1882, he married Rosebelle Karren. She was born July 18, 1862, at Lehi, the oldest daughter of John and Maria Laurence Karren. To them ten children were born: Mrs. Orella W. Boley, Mrs. Maybell W. Adamson, Mrs. Alice LeChemunant, Mrs. Clara Larsen, Mrs. Emma Batchelor, and Vida, a little daughter who died very young. Their sons were John Thomas, James Mival, and Irel D. Their first home was built in the field which he bought from his father.

Mrs. Woodhouse was baptized September 6, 1874, at the age of twelve. A few years later a patriarchal blessing was given her. She was promised she should be blessed with a posterity that should be mighty. For many years she served as a teacher in the Relief Society. June 18, 1935, she performed her temple work.

The following years, Mr. Woodhouse followed various occupations: running threshing machines with Able John Evans, Martin Bushman, Moroni

Royle, and W.S. Evans. he went into the mountains and sheared sheep up and down Yellowstone River. He worked for the sugar company six years, going to Freemont, Ohio, in 1900 to assist farmers in raising beets. Under his supervision the first beets were raised and harvested there. He visited Niagara Falls. For fifteen years he was Lehi City Marshall. He hauled many loads of rock for the Lehi Tabernacle. His wheat, flour, and bacon were given freely to the Relief Society and widows. Mr. and Mrs. Woodhouse earned their living by the sweat of their brows. Indeed they were builders of the West. October 15, 1935, at the age of seventy-three, Mrs. Woodhouse died. Fourteen years later, September 28, 1949, at the age of ninety, Mr. Woodhouse passed away.